

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Hackberry
Celtis occidentalis

This deciduous tree is a native of North America, and can be found in rich woods and hill slopes. The ovate leaves have three veins, often oblique at the base, taper-pointed, toothed, and hairy beneath. The bark is gray and smooth, with corky warts, and becomes furrowed and scaly with age. The Hackberry has an edible, berrylike fruit, that is orange-red to purple. This species can be found as a tree or a shrub, and can mature at heights up to 80 feet.

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Natural Resources
Jennifer M. Belcher - Commissioner of Public Lands

We are very excited to announce the arrival of Ruby Jayne LeClair! She was born June 11, weighing in at 7 pounds 12 ounces. The family is happy, healthy, and doing great! You can congratulate the new father by calling the Urban and Community Forestry Program. On a very different, but still exciting note, the latest edition of the TreeLink News has been released. The Spring 2000 edition features an article on Wildlife Landscaping with Trees by Russell Link of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. If you have not received a copy, call the TreeLink Hotline. -Sarah

Tree Care for the New Millennium

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) Annual Training Conference is coming. The theme of "Tree Care for the New Millennium" was selected for the conference that will be held in Boise, Idaho, September 25-27. This year's training conference features many well known speakers, including Jim Urban, Jim Ingram, John Hendricksen, Sharon Lilly, Ken Palmer, and many others discussing the challenges of tree care in the new millennium. Discounted registration is available until August 15. Call the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for registration forms and more information.

Community Forestry At Its Best

A national conference for Tree City USAs and other communities that care about their trees is being held at Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska, September 28-30, 2000. Community Forestry At Its Best will address new techniques, ideas and trends in urban forestry geared specifically toward community size, budget, and human resources. This conference will be a unique opportunity to network with other professionals and volunteers that help protect and care for your communities valuable tree resources. The NADF is offering a discount on registration to those attending the Trees, People and the Law National Conference, also held at the Lied Conference Center, September 26-27. For more information on either conference, contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337 or via email at conferences@arborday.org. For information on the Tree City USA program, contact the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-TREE.

Streamkeeper Academy Teacher's Institute

The Adopt-A-Stream Foundation is holding workshops for teachers this August at the Northwest Stream Center in Everett. There will be three different workshops: Project WILD/Project Aquatic WILD on August 7, Landscaping for Wildlife on August 8 and 9, and Discovering Native Plant Secrets on August 9 and 10. The registration fee is \$25 per workshop. Contact Sue Minger for registration materials or workshop descriptions at (425) 316-8592 or by e-mail at aasf@streamkeeper.org.

ArborMaster Training in Walla Walla

The Inland Northwest Arborists Association is organizing ArborMaster training at Whitman College in Walla Walla. The first and second modules will be held July 12-15 and will cover climbing and chainsaw skills. The training is being conducted as a four-day course and cannot be taken as individual modules. Level 1 Rigging Module will be offered as a stand-alone course, and the climbing and chainsaw modules are prerequisites. The rigging module will be held August 11-12. ISA Certified Arborists are eligible to receive 16 continuing education units upon completion of each two-day module. Course fees, registration materials, and other information are available by calling Rich Baker at (509) 466-6559.

ISA's 76th Annual Conference and Trade Show

The International Society of Arboriculture is hosting its 76th Annual Conference and Trade Show in Baltimore, Maryland, August 6-9, 2000. "Rooted in the Past, Growing Toward the Future" is the theme, and speakers from around the world will be on hand to discuss all facets of the tree care industry. Full registration is \$350. Topics to be discussed include: Trees and Global Climate Change, the Ecology of Tree Establishment, "How to Be an Accomplice to Murder and Mayhem in the Urban Forest", Proper Utility Pruning and the Public, Excellent Street Trees, Innovations in Park and Tree Management, Appraising Large, Mature Trees, Mycorrhizae: How This Symbiotic Relationship Works, and much more. A full listing of speakers and topics is available by calling the TreeLink hotline, or from the ISA. Contact ISA at (217) 335-9411 or by email at isa@isa-arbor.com for registration information.

In the works (continued)

"He that plants trees loves others
besides himself."

-Thomas Fuller

Picks and Shovels

**TRIVIA: A large front yard tree can save
how much in summertime air conditioning
costs by shading the building?**

(answer is upside down below)

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Water Quality Grants Available in King County

Grants up to \$50,000 are available in King County for projects that protect or improve watersheds, streams, rivers, lakes, wetlands and tidewaters. Projects must address one or more of the following: improve or protect water quality and water dependent habitats, demonstrate the beneficial use of biosolids or reclaimed water, and/or impart a strong water quality ethic. For more information on these grants, contact Sara Hatfield with King County Water Works at (206) 296-8042 or visit the website at <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/waterworks>.

Free Trees Available to Seattle Residents

The City of Seattle Department of Neighborhoods has deadlines approaching for free street trees. These trees are available to Seattle neighborhood groups for autumn planting projects on planting strips of residential streets and in City Parks. Neighbors can request 10 or more trees that will be delivered to their street this fall. The deadline to request trees for fall planting is August 4. Contact Shireen Deboo at (206) 684-0547 or Laurie Ames at (206) 684-0320.

Managing Trees and Sidewalks. This booklet of information and articles was gathered for the International Society of Arboriculture workshop, held in Mount Vernon on June 7, 2000. The workshop included sessions on understanding the connection between roots and sidewalk displacement, evaluation of root barrier methods, applications of structural soil technology, and city forester perspectives on practical approaches to tree and sidewalk conflicts. Copies are available for loan by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

Growing Together with the Treetures. This teacher's guide is a collaborative work of the National Tree Trust, and the Treeture Environmental Education Program. The activity guide is intended to provide educators and students with various tools to explore and observe the environments around them. The guide can be implemented indoors or outdoors, in both urban and rural settings. The Treetures will guide students through many fun, diverse, and hands-on activities as they learn about trees and nature. The whimsical nature of the Treetures will appeal to younger students, and the solid scientific concepts presented will maintain the interest of older students. The guide is designed in two sections; grades PK-3 and grades 3-6. Most of the activities are adaptable for higher or lower grades. Call the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE to receive a copy.

Working Trees for Treating Waste. This brochure discusses using trees as an alternative to costly engineered waste management facilities. By using fast growing species to take up large amounts of nutrients, the need for new facilities can be reduced. The brochure includes sections on development and site management, irrigation tailwater, animal waste, municipal and industrial waste, and the benefits and opportunities of using trees to help treat wastewater. The National Agroforestry Center published the brochure in partnership with the USDA Forest Service and the Natural Resources Conservation Center. Copies are available by contacting Nancy Hammond by email at nhammond@fs.fed.us or by fax at (402) 437-5712. You may also view this publication and others at www.unl.edu/nac.

July

12-15 ArborMaster training in Walla Walla. Contact Rich Baker at (509) 664-6559 for more information.

13-22 Mountains to Sound Greenway March. Contact Ken Konigsmark at (425) 957-5094.

August

5 ISA Certification Exam, Sun River, Oregon. Contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263

6-9 ISA Annual Conference and Trade Show. Baltimore, Maryland. For registration materials or information, contact ISA at (217) 335-9411 or by email at isa@isa-arbor.com.

11-12 ArborMaster training in Walla Walla. Contact Rich Baker at (509) 664-6559 for more information.

19 ISA Certification Exam, Sand Point, Idaho. For more information or to register, contact the PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263.

23 WCFC meeting in Richland. Call the TreeLink Hotline for more information.

September

25-27 PNW-ISA Training Conference, Boise, Idaho. Call (503) 874-8263 for registration information.

28-30 Tree City USA Conference, Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact the National Arbor Day Foundation at 1-888-448-7337.